



# Pearl River School District

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Middle school students in New York State take yearly State tests in core academic subjects to assess their mastery of the Learning Standards. Measuring student progress is part of the instructional program in the Pearl River School District. Participation in these tests are important because the results allow teachers to differentiate and strengthen their instructional practice to support each students' needs.

The High School will be administering the Grade 8 State exams in the mornings as follows:

NYS Grade 8 English Language Arts (ELA) assessment for all Grade 8 students.

- April 2, 3                      2 days of testing

NYS Grade 8 Math assessment for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students taking Math 8. Grade 8 students taking Algebra are exempt.

- May 1, 2                      2 days of testing

NYS Grade 8 Science assessment for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students taking science 8. Grade 8 students taking Earth Science are exempt.

- May 22 - May 23      Performance test- your child will test only 1 of these days
- June 3                      Written assessment- 1 day of testing

When each testing session is over, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will return to their regular class schedule in the afternoon.

Please reach out to an administrator or your child's subject teacher if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Michael Murphy  
Principal